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In re application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF MAGNETICALLY TRANSFERRING
INFORMATION SIGNAL FROM MASTER MEDIUM TO SLAVE MEDIUM

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated April 21, 2006.

In the Reasons for allowance, the Examiner does not accurately recite the features found in independent claims 1-4 and 13. For example, "rotatably mounted" is not recited in claim 2 and 4 and " $0 < \beta \leq 30^\circ$ or $-30^\circ \leq \beta < 0$ " is not recited in claim 13.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that each claim is patentable based on its own language and not based on any paraphrasing or addition of language that may have been made by the Examiner.


Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated April 21, 2006.

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